

Interim report of Medical Officer of Health for the Year
ended 31st December, 1942.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

The essential and routine public health and sanitary work of the district has been carried on satisfactorily during the year. No cases of malnutrition have come to my notice. There has been an absence of any epidemic disease and the general health of the community is excellent.

The number of official evacuees remaining in the district at the end of the year was 257 but in addition to these, there is a large number of war-workers billeted in the area and several people come from adjoining towns each night to sleep in the district, added to which a considerable number of people from coastal areas have found their own accommodation in Wymondham.

The protection of children from 1 to 15 years against diphtheria was and is being carried on systematically, and the number of parents availing themselves of this service is encouraging.

The measures taken for the control of Scabies are proving slowly effective but the absence of compulsory notification in the district handicaps and delays the complete eradication of the infestation. The same can be said as regards Venereal Diseases as we have no up to date figures of the incidence or prevalence of them in the Civilian population, but improved facilities for treatment are being widely made known.

While there was only one death from Tuberculosis during the year, the number of cases on the register rose by 6; from 22 to 28; two of the pulmonary form and four of the non-pulmonary.

All the statistical details are being preserved until the end of the war as directed.

I append hereunder a brief summary of the Sanitary Inspector's report.

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Report of Sanitary Inspector.

I submit hereunder particulars of work relating to my duties as Sanitary Inspector which were carried out during the year 1942.

(1) Housing.

Only essential repairs were proceeded with, such as those necessary to keep the weather out; remedy smokey chimneys: the replacement of rotten floors; defective grates, etc.

A hut used as a dwelling was closed.

(2) Water Supply.

The public water supply continued to be satisfactory and the installation of chlorinating apparatus was completed during the year.

65,165,000 gallons of water were pumped during the year, which was an increase of 7,875,000 gallons over the previous twelve months.

Two defective wells serving seven cottages have been closed and a water supply taken from the public mains.

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Nuisances arising from the discharge of sewage matter from seven houses into open drains have been abated by their connection to the Council's sewer.

A sample of the sewage effluent from the Disposal Works was submitted for examination to the Public Analyst who reported that it was " a moderate effluent ".

(4) Foods Inspection.

From the routine inspection of meat and other foods, the carcass of one pig and a small quantity of preserved foods have been condemned as unfit for human consumption.

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